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Father Christmas adorns the window of Flowers by Ross.

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Foresight

Plans for the new student center seem to be moving along smoothly. This past weekend, the selection of an architectural firm was finalized by the BOV.

The thought of the center with its new facilities for student organizations and space for meetings and parties is, for upperclassmen, a source of both pride and envy. We can't help but feel a little jealous of future classes who will be able to enjoy the center fully.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting personally with Executive Vice President A. Ray Merchant to discuss some of the space and equipment requirements for the *Bullet* office in the center. A number of persons from other organizations also met with Merchant for the same reason. Our suggestions are to be passed on to the architect to assist in the planning of the building.

By meeting with us, the administration has shown that it is committed to building the center with the student's needs in mind. After all, who is in a better position to know what facilities certain organizations will need than the students who work in Lee Hall's often inadequate quarters?

Earlier this year, selected students and administrators traveled to various Virginia schools to see student centers at other colleges. The trips helped spawn ideas for the facilities of our own center. This too, shows foresight on the part of our administration, and their actions should be commended.

Granted, the student center probably will not have everything everybody at the college wants or needs. However, it is comforting to see an administration doing everything it can to ensure that the student center truly serves MWC's students.

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President Sends Wishes

To the Editor

Although it is likely that preparations for final exams are paramount in your minds, precluding for the moment any visions of Christmas, it is nonetheless true that the holiday season is almost here. I want to use this open letter as a means of extending best wishes to each of you for a pleasant vacation.

It is my feeling that the fall semester has been an exceptionally fine one at MWC. I am confident that you have been stimulated and challenged intellectually in your classes this semester. A diversity of

activities-ranging from the visit of DVAR Carlos Fuentes, to a vigorous new intramural program, to the traditionally festive "Halloween," to the superb performance of our soccer team-has engendered great spirit and enthusiasm on campus.

The prospects are bright for the coming year as well. In particular, we are hopeful that the proposed Student Activity Center will move rapidly toward reality. Although the exact timetable is uncertain, it now appears that ground will be broken next year, with completion of the building in 1986. We are also optimistic that a substantial improve-

ment in our library facilities will be initiated very soon. These much-needed facilities will add immeasurably to the social and intellectual life of our campus.

As we look forward to these exciting developments in the future, we wish you much success on your upcoming exams, and much happiness for you and your families during the holiday season.

Sincerely,
William M. Anderson,
President

Graffiti Offends Student

To the Editor:

I would like to address this letter to all the students at Mary Washington. I have always been surprised to see that the same students who have fought so hard to prove they are mature enough to drink, vote, etc. can at times be the same students who fill our bathroom walls with obscene and obnoxious graffiti. It is bad enough to find these "etchings" in pen and ink scratched into anything softer than the point of your writing implement, but now one of your fellow "artisans" has gone you one better (or worse). Thanks to his handi-work the mens room in ACL now more closely resembles a New York Subway!

Fluorescent paints adorn the stalls and walls with "new wave" style writing about the ills of our society and the saving grace of "today's youth." If this is an example of "today's youth" then I sincerely hope the world has another option. I find

this kind of expression extremely disgusting and demeaning to those of us who care about our school and the impression it makes. If I had a wish I would find this BUM and, with whip in hand if necessary, insure that he cleans every last letter from those walls. Perhaps we should provide a little chalkboard with a supply of chalk in each bathroom on campus to meet the needs of these juvenile delinquents, but then they would probably only write on both

the walls and blackboard with fluorescent paints, pen or anything except chalk. I don't have the answer but I certainly hope that I am not alone in my disgust with this problem. I would like to see some more opinions expressed on this problem each and every week until we can perhaps persuade these "children" to behave.

A Concerned Senior
Kenneth M. Garver

Food Drive Successful

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence, I would like to thank the Mary Washington College Community for making the annual Mortar Board Thanksgiving food drive a success.

Thanks to your generous donations, residents of Haven House enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving feast. You showed that the spirit and tradition of Thanksgiving still live on our campus.

Monique Gormon
Mortar Board President

Announcing...

Class Council is sponsoring its Annual Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom. Items for sale include homemade crafts and baked goods, Christmas ornaments, hand-painted Christmas cards, jewelry and many other Christmas goodies. Campus, local and state wide booth will participating. The admission price is 25 cents. For more information call x4350.

Winning essays will also be forwarded to the national Bedford Prizes contest. Entries must be sponsored by the student's instructor, and the deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 14. The results of the contest will be announced Jan. 20.

The Student Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Cahill as executive coordinator. Any questions regarding the Freshman Record and/or refrigerators are to be directed to Jim at x4429, or at the S.A. office x4308.

Happy Holidays!

Please remember to buckle up and drive carefully this holiday season.

The English department will offer a contest for outstanding freshman compositions early next semester. Any student who has taken English 101 during calendar year 1984 is eligible for the contest, which will have three winners and a \$25 prize for each.

—The Bullet Staff

News

BOV Selects Architect in Weekend Meeting



The Board of Visitors

Jean Donovan Honored

by MARY RUTH VENDITTI

This week marks the fourth anniversary of the death of 1975 MWC graduate Jean Donovan. Donovan, a missionary in El Salvador, and three Maryknoll nuns were killed on Dec. 2, 1980. The Newman Catholic Student Association is sponsoring several events this week to honor Jean Donovan's memory.

Donovan majored in political economy, lived in Mary Ball Hall, and studied in Ireland her junior year. Her friends thought her vivacious, intelligent and sociable.

In 1979, Donovan left a promising accounting career and her fiance to, as she said, "work with people, lonely people, who don't realize God loves them." One year later, the victim of a brutal terrorist act, she died.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, a Maryknoll missionary, the Rev. Paul Hoffman, spoke at the Newman Club meeting. Though he did not know Donovan personally, he is familiar with the story of her life and missionary work. Sue Grace a lay missionary, also spoke.

"Roses in December", a movie about Donovan's life and work in El Salvador, will be shown Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., in Chandler 102. This documentary film, according to press releases, "chronicles the brief life of this woman which began in comfort and affluence and ended tragically serving the poor of El Salvador." It explains the motives and the meaning of the work that Donovan, Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford and Maura Clark were doing in El Salvador and raises important questions about U.S. foreign policy.

The *National Catholic Reporter* said "Roses in December" gives us a sense of that richness of life which Jean Donovan had discovered. She,

who had been willing to lose her life, found it. This story of one woman's "yes" may help us to utter our own."

The Jean Donovan Memorial Award is presented by the NCSA to the graduating senior who best demonstrates, in an essay, the desire to better humanity and actively work for social justice. The award committee of the NCSA determines

the recipient in April and presents the award at Senior Convocation. Essays may be delivered to the Jean Donovan Memorial Award Committee, 1225 Brent Street,

Fredericksburg, Va. 22401. Kathy Hayden, award committee chairperson, encourages all seniors who feel qualified to apply for the award.

Strohl Named to Replace Weinbrecht as Librarian

LeRoy Sterling Strohl, III, has been named librarian to replace Ruby Y. Weinbrecht who resigned last spring. An honors graduate of Hanover College in Hanover, Ind., Strohl also holds Masters degrees in both Library Science and English Literature from the University of Kentucky.

Presently the director of the library at Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va., a position he has held for the past ten years, Strohl has also worked in libraries at Roger Williams College in Bristol, R.I., and Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Ky. He has been active in

the work of the Virginia Library Association and has held the chairmanship of the College and University section of that organization.

In announcing the appointment, President William M. Anderson Jr. noted that the selection followed an intensive search of national scope. He cited Strohl as "an ideal choice for the College at this particular time, since he brings to us the combination of youthful vigor and seasoned maturity which will enable us to carry out the expansion of library resources and programs which we envision for the future."

Strohl will assume his duties at E. Lee Trinkle Library in January, 1985.

Good Luck on Exams!

This will be the last issue of *The Bullet* this semester. Look for issue No. 11 on Jan. 29.

by GLENN BIRCH

The selection of an architect for the new student center, the establishment of a sabbatical leave policy and the establishment of a new scholarship were among the actions of the Board of Visitors in their monthly meeting held this weekend.

The selection of an architectural firm to design and plan the new student center was announced Saturday. The BOV authorized President William M. Anderson, Jr. to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Charlottesville firm of Vickery, Moje, Drinkard and Oakland in a resolution passed at the meeting.

The BOV also established a sabbatical leave policy for faculty. Under the policy professors with tenure of at least six years of full time teaching at the College would be eligible for a semester off with full pay or a full academic year off with half-pay.

The resolution, which goes in effect Aug. 16, 1985, requires faculty to remain at the College for at least two years following the sabbatical or forfeit the full amount of leave pay. Faculty must apply in writing for leave to the vice president for academic offices and dean by Nov. 1 of the year prior to the academic

year for which they are requesting leave. The application must include a proposal for a project planned for the leave period.

An annual scholarship for students certifying to teach at the elementary level was also established by the BOV. To qualify a student must be a junior or senior from either Virginia or Maryland, and must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

The BOV also formally recognized a long-time MWC employee on Saturday. J. Robert Hicks, a physical plant employee who retired in July after 51 years of service to the College, was recognized in a resolution for his "loyalty and dedication." When he retired, Hicks had worked at MWC longer than any other person.

In another resolution, the president of the college was authorized to act on behalf of the BOV in the operation, administration and maintenance of the James Monroe Law Office-Museum and Memorial Library. The president also manages Belmont, the Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery. The BOV decided that this and other resolutions would not call the president by name so that changes in the presidency would not require the passage of new resolutions.

Students Charged With DWI After Car Accident

by GLENN BIRCH

Two students were charged with driving under the influence after an accident on Campus Drive near the rear gates of the college at 3:31 a.m. on Nov. 21, College Police reported recently.

The automobiles involved were a red Datsun carrying three passengers and a 1979 Toyota carrying two. None of the passengers were injured. Both drivers were charged with DWI and taken to the Rapahannock Security Center where they were incarcerated.

Police Beat

According to College Police, the cars collided "almost head on," and both incurred approximately \$1,000 in damages. Damage was reported to the left fender, grill, bumper, hood and lights of the Datsun, and the left fender, bumper and hood of the Toyota.

College Police also reported an incident at the Bee Hive Lounge in which shots were believed to have been fired on Nov. 17. No one was struck in the incident. Allegedly, the subject had been refused admittance to the Bee Hive Lounge because he

had a beer in hand. Becoming angry, he fired a handgun what is believed to be three times, and, according to Fredericksburg City Police, ran onto the campus. Apparently, the subject injured his hand while firing the weapon.

College Police received a call from an R.A. in Virginia at 12:39 a.m. who said the man had been asking a number of students, including her, to hide the gun for him. None of the students actually saw the gun. They were only told of it by the suspect.

Two cases of theft were also reported by College Police. Over Thanksgiving break, a bicycle valued at \$200 was stolen from the rear of Willard Hall. The bike was described as a boy's-style Schwinn maroon 12-speed.

A gasoline cap to a student's Volkswagen was also reported stolen on Nov. 20. Valued at \$20, the gas cap was black plastic and made for a Volkswagen. The student told Police this was the second time her car had been tampered with on campus.

College Police also reported the results of a Fredericksburg District court trial of a man found guilty of peeping in the windows of a MWC residence hall on Sept. 11. He received a ten day suspended sentence and a \$150 fine.

Features

Honor Council Holds Mock Trial

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

A student was found guilty of the honor violation of cheating and was penalized with suspension for one semester, in an honor trial held on Thursday.

A real enough sentence, but one catch, this trial did not count. Put on by the Honor Council, the mock trial was an attempt to present the student body with a realistic view of what goes on at an honor trial.

Honor Council President Sara Jones said, "we're trying to get rid of that veil of mysteriousness that seems to surround honor trials." Because most honor trials are closed to the public, most students rarely are exposed to court procedures unless they are directly involved in a case. The mock trial followed the same format as a real trial, and all except three persons usually involved in trial procedures were present.

Faculty advisers, Joseph Holmes and Kenneth Wagner and lawyer, Russell Roberts, available for consultation and advice when the student-run Council requests it, were the three not participating in the

mock trial. Also present at all trials is a stenographer, and an audiotape is made of all court procedures except deliberation. Six Honor Council members served as the court. The accused and accuser were both present with their respective student defender and aide to the accuser.

The situation used for the trial was a case of a student accused of cheating on a test. As in a real trial, Jones first states the charges against the accused. The testimony of the accuser is heard first. The accuser relates the conditions and the story behind the charge, then presents any evidence they have against the accused. Playing the part of the accused was Junior Honor Representative Ray LaMura.

For this sample case the accuser, Junior Honor Representative Scott Kaplan, said he had seen the accused cheating from notes held in his lap during a test. He then presented a copy of the test and seating chart to show the classroom seats of those involved in the case.

Questions to the accuser by the Honor Court members and student defenders always follow the first

testimony.

The next part of a trial is the testimony of the accused. The accused presents his story and any evidence in his own behalf. Again questions by the court and student defenders follow. For the mock trial the accused admitted his guilt.

Another part of the trial includes testimonies of any witnesses for the accused or accuser. In a real trial, all witnesses stay outside the courtroom until they are called to the stand. For the mock trial one witness was called by the accuser to support his charge, and a character witness was called by the accused.

The final presentations in a trial include summations from both the accuser and the accused, or the student defender. Immediately following the final summations, all witnesses, the accused, accuser, their counsels and any audience are excused so the court can discuss the case and vote to render a verdict.

For the mock trial, the audience was allowed to stay and listen to the type of deliberation typical of an honor trial. The court tries to weigh all the evidence and argue among themselves about the case.

First, the court must determine whether the accused is in fact guilty or not. If the accused is voted not guilty, the Court is brought back into the room to announce this, and no penalty is imposed. Nothing is recorded on the students record.

If the accused is found guilty, the Court must deliberate and vote to determine a penalty. If a student is found guilty of cheating, lying or stealing (Honor Code violations) one of three penalties will be imposed.

A student found guilty faces either "no dismissal" from the college, "suspension" for one or more semesters or "absolute dismissal" from the college. Whatever the penalty imposed, the verdict and penalty are placed in the student's

permanent academic file.

In this mock trial, the accused was given the penalty of suspension for one semester. The suspension, had it been genuine, would have started the moment the trial ended, and lasted to the beginning of the following semester. All credits and grades from the semester of suspension would be erased from the students records, and money from tuition and fees would not be refunded.

The repercussions of a guilty verdict from an honor trial are much more serious than most students realize. Jones pointed out that any student with an honor violation on their academic record would not be accepted by graduate schools with honor systems. Jones also noted students who pursue military careers are many times rejected bids as officer candidates because of an honor violation on their college record.

Jones stressed that the Honor Council has been aware of the lack of education of the student body concerning honor trial procedures. She said the Council is working on ways to better educate the student body on the general workings of the Honor Council. She cited as an example signs which have been put up on dorm refrigerators and laundry rooms to remind students that "Stealing is an honor offense." Theft of food has been a problem in dorms in the past.

This mock trial was an attempt at educating the students. While only 20 students were present for the trial, the Council seemed pleased that at least a few people were interested. Jones says she hopes that more publicity will draw a larger audience to another mock trial the Council intends to schedule sometime next semester.



Character witness, Lori White looks on as Ray LaMura is sentenced in the Mock Trial.

Photo by Mark Bentley

Class Council Bazaar Planned

by KATHY McDONALD

Class Council will sponsor its annual Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission to the bazaar, held in the ACL Ballroom, will be 25 cents.

This year's bazaar will feature crafts, baked goods, Christmas ornaments and miscellaneous items sold by community and campus organizations. "I think there will be a greater variety of crafts sold at the bazaar this year," said Co-chairman Charlotte James. "More community groups are involved and will be selling Christmas cards, ornaments and jewelry. The quality of the goods should be better too," she said.

In addition to booths sponsored by clubs on campus and organizations located in Richmond, Ashland and Charlottesville, each class is responsible for an activity at the bazaar. The freshmen class is in charge of the cake walk which will cost 25 cents. According to James, the walk will be conducted approximately every 15 minutes during the bazaar.

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According to James, she and Co-Chairman, Lori Brubaker, began organizing this year's festivities in early October. Registration forms were sent to MWC clubs and community groups offering them the opportunity to sell crafts, other items and begin the Christmas season. Non-campus organizations were charged \$10 for a booth and those affiliated with MWC paid a \$6 registration fee.

"The bazaar not only gives clubs and groups a chance to make money, it's for Christmas," said James. Any proceeds become funds for future Class Council activities. "This year's bazaar should be well-attended. We've publicized on campus, in the Free-Lance Star and on WFVA," she said.

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People

Choral Directing Keeps Burton Busy

by BARBARA CREWS

Stephen Burton likes music because it's fun. "You can find anything you want in music," he says. "It can bring you up or get you down." As assistant professor of music at MWC, Burton has ample opportunity to experience all of music's charms.

With a bachelor's and master's degree in music from Florida State University and a Ph. D. from the University of Cincinnati, Burton is well-prepared for the demands of a music professor and director.

Before coming to MWC, Burton taught for five years at a high school in Atlanta and for one year at St. Mary's College in Maryland. He has been at MWC for four years teaching introductory music, music education classes and private voice. In addition, he directs MWC's women's choir, the MWC Singers and the Fredericksburg Singers.

"The MWC Singers is a show choir," he explains. "There is both choreography and music in their performances." The members of the Fredericksburg Singers are from both the college and the community.

Although all choirs require auditions, Burton says that they are open to the college at large. He notes that most students have some sort of musical background, but not all are music majors. In the world of music, practice

is a necessary and continuous process. "When we finish one performance, we start rehearsing for the next," Burton says. In the fall there are three choir concerts.

Spring brings four performances, with each choir performing separately and then in a combined show. The combined concert, planned for April, is called "The Lighter Side" and features light popular music. All the concerts are free.

Burton notes some difficulty in preparing for a performance. He says that it is often difficult to combine instruments and voices as time limitations make group rehearsals rare. "When you put them together, it can be terrifying," he says. He also notes some problems with transition when the choir moves from practicing in duPont to performing in Dodd.

Although they are nerve wracking, Burton

gets a lot of satisfaction from the performances. "It's nice knowing people enjoy listening to us sing," he says. "I'm nervous before a concert—just ask my singers—but it's worth it."

When asked to name his favorite composer, Burton cites fellow music professor David Long. Long writes for both the orchestra and the choir and is responsible for the "grand finale" in "The Lighter Side." "Not only is he good," says Burton, "but we also don't have to pay for his music."

Free from the music stand, Burton enjoys playing sports. He plays basketball with two professors, one of whom attended Florida State with him. If the same hands that play the piano, saxophone, and the clarinet are equally nimble with the brown leather, one can only imagine Burton's left hook.



Assistant Professor Steve Burton.
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Stacey Dunn'

Columns

How to Survive Exam Week

For some of you, next week marks the first time you have gone through that collegiate ritual known as Exam Week. Exam Week here at George's Mom's College is, well, to say the least, an experience.

The time known as Exam Week is really a two-week long period. The first week is known as Death Week. Death Week is really kind of deceptive, because everyone figures that since there are only 4 days of classes and then reading days, the week will be a breeze. Plus, professors aren't supposed to give tests that week, anyway. Well, we all wised up to that action pretty fast. Sure, professors can't give tests, but they can make papers due that week. And, since the grade you make on this paper often determines your grade standing, you tend to pull all-nighters during the week so that you may graduate and get a real life. Everyone eats junk food, swills coffee, and looks like death; therefore, we call it Death Week.

The Friday and Saturday of Death Week are known as Reading Days. These days have been set aside since the beginning of time for Mary Washington students to catch up on all the reading they should have been doing all semester long. But, no one really reads during Reading Days; they're all too busy trying to get rid

of the hangovers they got from all the parties they went to on Thursday night to celebrate the end of classes. They ought to call them "Recovery Days" or "Ressurection Days."

Some people take that last road-trip of the semester during the Reading Days. A fun place to go on these days is Princeton, because they have TWO WHOLE WEEKS of reading days, and so they throw some massive parties for at least the first five days.

For those of you who think the library might be a good place to study during Reading Days, let me give you a couple words of advice: Forget it. Every nook and cranny of the library is occupied by people during the weekend before exams. If you're tired of seeing the same old faces around your dorm, go to the library. I promise you that you won't recognize 75 percent of the people in there. The people who are in there that you do know will find every opportunity to talk to you while you are trying to study for your toughest exam.

On Monday morning the time for your first exam rolls around. You decide to follow good old Mom's advice and grab a nice, hot breakfast before the first exam. You will be in the company of everyone else on this

campus, as people who have never before been to breakfast will go the first couple of days of exams. It's a good idea to line up at Seacobeck the night before if you want to get breakfast and make it to your exam on time.

Exam Week is like any other social occasion: proper attire is requested. The correct wardrobe of the week is comprised entirely of sweats. If you feel the need to dress up, wear Levi's. If you look half-decent at any time during the week, you'll either be mistaken for a lost tour-taker, or a townie.

The local food merchants, sensing

Karen Rhodes

the chance to make a buck, stock up on all the essential "study aids;" who can study without M & M's or Goldfish? Caffeine is also a big-seller, along with No-Doz.

The intensity and pressure grows as the week progresses. They usually show a home-made movie on Wednesday night called, "Why You Shouldn't Commit Suicide Right Now." They do this because by this point your brain is going and your rationale is gone. If you can survive up to Thursday, it doesn't really matter because you can't see anything, since the circles under your

eyes will be about the size of Pittsburgh.

Exam Week is full of surprises. They're called exams. I say they are surprises because invariably your professors will say, "It's one of the easiest exams I've ever given. Won't take you more than an hour. I think you'll all do really well on this exam." Then they hand out the exam, and you look over it. Surprise.

My advice to you first-timers out there is to rest up now, and stock up on all the essentials before it's too late. Oh, and just one other thing. Pray for snow.

—Birth Control—

A Minority View

Tell someone you don't believe in birth control and they immediately make two assumptions about you: First, you must be Catholic. And second, you must be crazy.

I consider myself neither, but what I have been in this conviction, is alone. Not even my parents, (good, God-fearing people) and not even my church or minister, agrees with me. Statistics show that very few Catholics even subscribe to this church doctrine anymore.

And yet at one time not just Catholic but Protestant churches widely condemned the practice of "oranism." Oran, whose story is found in Deuteronomy 25, was struck dead by God for coitus interruptus (withdrawal in the act of intercourse). He did this with the intent of preventing the conception of children, and artificial birth control measures were denounced for the same reason.

In my personal life, I consider it a warning signal whenever I begin to reason that something I used to think was wrong might be all right. The church and Christians should do the same on this issue, one on which they have fallen into the humanistic thoughts patterns that view humans as just another species to be controlled.

The Christian is told to give his life to Christ, all of his life, including money, relationships, possessions, and feelings. Why do so many stop short when it comes to the point of giving God their fertility?

I decided in high school that God was smarter than I would ever be, that if He knew even the number of hairs on my head, He certainly must know how many children I should have, when I should have them and how far apart they should be.

As I neared marriage, both my mother and gynecologist tried to persuade me to go on the Pill. Oddly enough, both women were in long, happy marriages that had both weathered a baby during the first year.

Some say this realignment is not likely to happen because the majority of state governments and congressmen are Democrats. Recent polls, however, have shown that Ronald Reagan is seen more as an heir to the Democratic mantle of Roosevelt, Truman, and Kennedy than Mondale. Moreover, since the Democratic leadership has persistently failed to use traditional Democratic symbols to attract voters, it seems ever likely that the Republican Party will continue its streak of presidential victories.

In their review of the recent defeat of Walter Mondale, they blame the Democratic Party's loss on ties to the programs of the Great Society and the New Deal. As such they propose to drop all affiliation to these programs and instead, push the party in a more conservative direction. This approach, known as neo-liberalism, calls for the Democratic Party not to concern itself with the working class poor or persons living in the poverty stricken areas of America, simply because these peo-

ple generally don't vote in large numbers.

Rather, neo-liberalism urges the party to adopt policies that are designed to attract the urban middle class that is such an important segment of the electorate. In short, I think neo-liberalism will result in the Democratic Party becoming a pseudo-Republican party. For the simple reason that the American voter will choose the real Republican Party over the imitation, such a move would fail.

Although the Democratic Party has maintained a consistent ten to fifteen percent lead over the Republican Party since the 1930's, it seems very probable that this lead could slip to a point equal with the Republicans, especially with the rise of neo-liberalism. This would result in more Republican victories mainly because the loyalties of Republican voters to their party is greater than that of the Democratic voters.

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Richard Ehrle

Democrats Face Identity Crisis

The Democratic Party is in trouble. I say this not because Ronald Reagan defeated Walter Mondale overwhelmingly. After all, just because a party loses an election it does not necessarily mean that it is in trouble. But when a party runs weak candidates and loses three out of four elections, you could say it has problems. The old line party hands and the veteran candidates of those halcyon New Deal and New Frontier days know this to be the case. The young urban professionals (YUPPIES) of the "me" generation, however, don't understand this.

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"Sure enough I calculate that I became pregnant about two weeks after returning from the honeymoon."

The psalmist goes on to say: "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." Some Bible scholars will tell you that a quiver holds five arrows. I don't know about you but if I were going into battle, I'd want a lot more than just five arrows!

One reason people give for having small families is "We will lose our freedom." Believe me, it's true. Even one child makes quite a difference. I gave up an exciting job for my son. But Jesus said: "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 10:39)

The other night I was showing my son Luke pictures of animals in a nature book. I was struck by the caption beneath the photo of the mink: "A mink mother doles out more love to her young than you would expect from such a murderous creature. Some have even allowed their kits to eat them alive when their milk ran short."

How many human mothers today are willing to lay down their lives for their children? Rather, today we ex-

pect our children to lay down their lives for us, either through abortion or preventing them from coming into being in the first place.

Some will tell you that birth control prevents the abortions of unwanted children. But statistics show that abortions rise with the rise in the use of contraceptives. My theory on this is that once a couple feels they can plan their children, they make goals based on these plans and therefore any contraceptive "failure" (failure-what an awful name for a baby!) is doubly upsetting and makes abortion all the more tempting.

And once humans have taken for themselves God's right to bestow numbers, to it only at their convenience, why should they not also bestow death as they see fit?

Another reason given in support of small families is "We can't afford a large family." I know a high school teacher with 12 well-provided for children. My husband makes less than he does. But God would not provide a life He couldn't provide for.

Finally, some say the reason for small families is that the world is overpopulated. We're told this so often we accept it as fact. A recent special on *60 Minutes* showed how China has begun to regulate fertility by allowing only one child per family and forcing women to have abortions as late as their last week of pregnancy. At the close of the segment, the announcer commented that China's solution might seem horrible, but, he asked, for such an overpopulated country, what is the alternative? Is he kidding?

China has 232 people per square mile. (1980 figures) They believe this "high population density" is responsible for their lower standard of living. But tiny, little Japan has 798 people per square mile and their standard of living is one of the highest in the world. Germany also has a high living standard, with 636 people per square mile. The U.S. has only 60 people per square mile.

Does India come to mind as a classic example of the evils of overpopulation? India, with 511 people per square mile, is not overpopulated.

Holidays

Two Days Before Christmas

A SHORT STORY

by MELISSA MOORE

Only two days until Christmas," thought, pushing through the crowd. "So what."inden with packages, people moving in and out of stores in the mall, intent on buying. But he carried on. Stepping onto an escalator, he surveyed the scene below. Red and green banners hung from the ceiling. Tinsel covered Christmas trees stood along the walkway. A bus sang, "Jingle Bells" over the speaker amid the noise and confusion.

There's nothing new to see, all this was out before Halloween. I'm going to get excited about Christmas this year. It's a big letdown. All the hoopla and then anything's in the trash can a couple of days later."

He was uncomfortably warm in the ding. He unbuttoned his coat

David Minor

with one hand, his back to the handrail as the escalator glided upward.

On this level the noise intensified. A long line curved toward a seven-foot red cardboard castle. As he moved past the line he saw a boy squirming and pulling his mother's hand. A little girl sat on the floor, examining a pair of mittens. One child screamed, "I wanna see Santa now!" Parents lifted toddlers from the floor to their shoulders. In the distance, a flash bulb exploded at two minute intervals.

He wanted to run over to the children and shout, "Stop wasting your time! You're waiting in line for nothing. Santa Claus is a fake." But he didn't. They'd learn soon enough. He turned away as the pretty girl with a red stocking cap took pictures with Santa orders.

"I'm wasting my time here. I've nobody to buy for and no chance of getting a gift from anybody. These people only make me feel worse."

"Care for a watch, sir?" a salesman called. "They're only \$51.98 today; just what you need for that special lady."

He shrugged, heading for the escalator.

One child screamed, "I wanna see Santa now!"

When he opened the door, a blast of cold air hit him in the face, stinging his cheeks and nostrils. He walked several blocks, lost in thought. Spindly shadows from tree branches waved back and forth on the concrete in the fading light. In a sudden puff, the wind swept leaves from a yard. Swirling, dancing in the air.

they touched down making a dry rattle and crackle as they skipped along the sidewalk.

Wood smoke permeated the chill air. Somebody was probably sitting around a crackling fire, telling jokes and drinking eggnog. He could see lighted Christmas trees in a few windows. Wreaths hung on all the doors along the street. For a moment, he imagined he could smell cakes baking.

A harsh gust of wind slapped his face and brought him to reality. Suddenly he could feel the cold in his shoes seep through his body and mind, leaving a peculiar numbness. He had a cold apartment with rented furniture and drafty high ceilings to call home. He'd climb the dim, narrow staircase, its walls covered with greasy handprints and chipped paint. The couple across the hall would scream at each other and slam doors again tonight. At midnight the baby next door would interrupt his

solitude with earsplitting cries.

Several blocks from the apartment building, he heard light clicks on the pavement behind him. He turned to see a mutt with a mangy brown coat, wagging its tail. He turned away. Though he increased his pace, the clicking continued. He gave the dog a disgusted look and kept walking. He stopped and looked again. What he saw in the dog's eyes was not unlike something he had seen reflected in his eyes that morning.

Barking, the skinny dog ran toward him, running in circles around his feet. Cautionally he knelt and patted the dog's head. Like a child, he hugged the dog close, feeling its cold fur against his face. He smiled for the first time that day. He stood up and they climbed steps to the apartment building.

As the glass front door rattled shut, he said to himself, "I could have been wrong. Maybe there is something to Christmas after all."

Tradition

The holiday season is upon us. Or least that is what everyone tells

The day after Thanksgiving is the Christmas season, I guess because Santa Claus makes his annual appearance at Macy's Thanksgiving day parade, thus guaranteeing he remembers the way North America.

Everyone sets out Christmas trees and decorations. Christmas "deck the halls" is heard throughout the shopping malls which are choked with shoppers trying to buy the perfect gift for dear Aunt Mildred or Uncle Waldo. "Tis the season to be jolly." Why?

Supreme Court of the United States proclaimed that Christmas is an American folk festival worthy of recognition by the federal government. The Interior department has decided to include a creche in the national Christmas tree, and this has caused an outburst among those who believe that an act establishes *de facto* Christianity as the state religion of the U.S.

The act of accepting Christmas as a "festival" is only an affirmation of American society, in a word, is predominantly Christian. There are more varieties of Christianity than one can easily off hand, seeing that just every denomination has its offshoots and those have their spin-offs, in one form or another, the

majority of Americans describe themselves as Christians.

Although the holiday of Christmas has been commercialized to the point where Santa is as identified with Christmas on a par with Jesus, Christmas is a Christian holiday. Well, maybe not entirely. The date of Christmas, as well as some of its accoutrements (i.e. Christmas tree, Yule log) are carry-overs from paganism.

Anyway, a majority of the American people claim to be Christians and Christmas is a Christian holiday. As a matter of fact the majority of Americans (excluding the time when native Americans outnumbered the settlers) have celebrated throughout the decades the Christmas holiday. Habitually, then, American society celebrates Christmas. It is as much a holiday in American society as the Thanksgiving or even Independence day. It is American not because the state has sanctioned Christmas as an official holiday, but because most Americans habitually recognize it.

So, what is the buzz about the creche? In short, the creche is viewed as a religious symbol. It is a depiction of a religious event. It is replete with angels, miracles and a Christ figure. It is a representation of the religious side of Christmas.

For those who wish not to recognize Christmas as a religious holiday, this can be quite distressing.

For those who believe that, because of the Constitution's prohibition against the establishing of a state religion, government money should not be spent on anything of a religious nature, this can be downright maddening. I think in the constitutional argument against the creche there is a misunderstanding of the purpose of the creche.

The creche is a representation of why Christmas exists at all. Certainly, Christmas day has no real historical religious significance, as discussed above. The creche gives meaning to an otherwise meaningless celebration. Its religious significance is limited to its ability to tell the story of Jesus' birth. To my knowledge, it is no church's permanent symbol. There are not obligatory prayers to be said at the sight of a creche. It is no more than a representation.

If indeed it is a religious representation, why have it? Why bother with the hassle it will cause?

Because it is the American majority culture. It is tradition. American culture is made of many strands. The strands are melded together, losing much of their individual identity yet contributing to the greater whole. Christmas may be religious, but it is also traditional.

The creche is religious, but it, too, is traditional. If the department of the Interior decided next Christmas time to erect an altar on the Ellipse,

the community has every right to protest in every legal means possible.

But if it wishes to place a scene depicting the miracle of Hanukkah as a representation of the Jewish tradition in America I would be more than pleased. But, should we deny the purpose of our national holiday? If we must, then we should do away with governmental recognition of it altogether. That act, I am afraid, would not sit well with American society.

Sail On



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Birth control from page 6.

Problems stem not from too many people but from the fact that Islam teaches them, contrary to belief, that animals are reincarnated. The rats in India eat a great deal of the grain. Each cow needs enough food to feed seven people. In fact, if the people of India just stop feeding those 200 "sacred cows" they would have enough food to feed one billion,

one-half the city limits of Jacksonville, Fla., with plenty of room to spare!" (I didn't believe it when I first heard it either.)

There are many other excuses people give, but these are three main ones. Contraception can also have a negative effect on a couple's marriage and sex life, but that is a subject for another column.

Danger for Bulimics Holidays Pose

by LEIGH COHN

Most students look forward to holiday vacations as a joyful time for reunions and large family meals; but, for people with eating disorders, these instead may be times for confrontations, lies, and painful anxiety. Bulimia, which is characterized by binge-purge behavior, and anorexia nervosa, less common but related condition of self-starvation, are dangerous epidemics affecting between 25-33 percent of college-aged women (also many men).

Under ordinary circumstances, their lives are dominated by low self-esteem, generalized fear, and obsessive thoughts about food. During the holidays, however, these feelings are intensified. With a well-thought-out plan and plenty of motivation, these individuals can use this time off to start a program for recovery.

Although the underlying causes vary, eating disorders typically begin for psychological reasons and become addictive. Most cases are women who with unrealistically high expectations of achievement, especially concerning their own appearance and weight. The initial

binges might be triggered by specific events, such as: moving away from home, rejection by a lover, or family pressures.

The behavior often starts as a way of dieting or in reaction to a failed diet. It becomes a numbing, drug-like coping mechanism that provides instant relief for emotional pain or boredom. Bulimics often binge on several thousand calories after eating what they feel to be one bite too many at a meal. Since they have eaten more than they "should" anyway, they go ahead and binge, knowing that they will later force themselves to vomit or abuse laxatives. These purges confuse body signals causing extremely low blood sugar levels, electrolyte imbalances, and cravings for more sugary foods. This cycle perpetuates itself, dangerously upsets normal digestion, and further complicates the original psychological reasons for binging.

Lindsey Hall, who cured herself after nine years of bulimia has co-written three booklets on this subject, which are used in more than 500 colleges and universities. She writes in her first booklet, *Eat Without*

Fear, "I binged up to four and five times a day after the third year. There were very few days without one. My vision often became blurry and I had intense headaches. What used to be passing dizziness and weakness after a binge had become walking into doorways and exhaustion. My complexion was poor and I was often constipated. Large blood blisters appeared in the back of my mouth. My teeth were a mess."

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The research study on which her third booklet, *Beating Bulimia*, is based, documents other bulimics who were hospitalized, had miscarriages, and spent more than 20 years struggling with food. Between 7-9 percent die due to cardiac arrest, kidney failure, or impaired metabolism. (Lindsey Hall's booklets are only available by mail from: Gurze Books, Box 20066U, Santa Barbara, CA 93120. The

"bulimia set of three" costs \$13.25 including postage and handling.)

Dr. Jean Rubel, president of Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders (ANRED), a non-profit organization which serves as a national clearing-house of information and referrals, observes that college students commonly fall victim to "food problems. "Students are vulnerable to a cycle of stress inherent in the structure of the school year. There is a separation from home and all that is familiar, anxiety resulting from having to make new friends and learn one's way around campus, plus classwork and studies which pile pressure on top of stress. All the while, women are being vigilant about presenting to the world an immaculate, thin appearance. Many students resort to disordered eating in efforts to gain some peace and release.

"That student returns home, perhaps still preoccupied with problems at school, to find a different set of pressures and expectations awaiting. To further complicate matters, holidays are traditionally times of feasting. For someone who is already terrified of weight gain, who

is craving rich food after a period of dieting, the prospect of spending time around large amounts of easily available food is frightening indeed."

Students with food obsessions use the holiday break from school to get better, though recovery is rarely quick or easy. Dr. Rubel recommends that students aware of the pressures awaiting them at home and make detailed plans how to cope with them. They should set reasonable goals for themselves such as planning non-food related activities, perhaps by setting a limit on weight gain, or avoiding specific incidents that may trigger binges. Adds, "If you do slip back into food behavior, remind yourself it does not mean your plan is not effective. If merely shows you a place to make some revisions so you can more easily achieve your goals." For more information write to, ANRED, Box 5102, Eugene OR 97405, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Sports**Indoor Track Team Prepares for Spring Season**

"Our primary purpose is to get in shape for outdoors," says coach Stan Soper of the men's and women's indoor track teams. He explained "The outdoor season is short so if you want to do well you have to peak early."

With several returning runners and quite a few promising new runners both teams should be com-

petitive in the running and field events.

Returning members on the women's team include Debbie Anderjack in the sprints and hurdles Janette Litchfield who sprints and long jumps, Kathy George in the sprints, middle distance runner Lisa Petrelli and distance runner Barb Terino.

New hopefuls are Lisanne Fegan and Suzanne Payne in the 400-meter, Susan Dugan and Kristi Cooley in the middle distances, and Valerie Ortiz in the distance events. New members participating in the field events are Lynn Haussler who will throw the shot put and Lisa Mansburger who will triple jump.

Returning runners on the men's team are Jay Bradshaw and Mark Boespflug in the sprinting events, Gene Robinson and Ray Lamura who are middle distance runners, distance runners Mike Goode and Don Zdancewicz. Veteran Scott Fowler will participate in the weight events and Mike Noriega will pole vault.

Promising new male runners include Tim McPeters, Neil Reid and Lynnwood Smith in the middle distance events and sprinters Joe May and Gary Andrews.

The women will be participating in their first meet, the George Mason Holiday Invitational, on Dec. 7. The men will begin their season when both teams participate in the Father Dimond Invitational at George Mason on Jan. 13.

Scott Fowler practices the shot put.

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Tim McPeters and Don Zdancewicz train for the upcoming season by doing intervals on the track.

Photo by Prewitt Scripps

Intercollegiate Sports This Week:

Dec. 4

Men's j.v. basketball plays at Union Military Academy.

Dec. 5

Men's varsity basketball plays North Carolina Wesleyan.

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Sports

Swim and Dive Shows Dedication, Discipline

By HEIDI SOWA

"We are a well disciplined and dedicated team," says coach Jim Grace of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. "Discipline and dedication are essential for the team which has nine practice sessions a week, some as early as 5 a.m."

Hard work has certainly paid off for the women who now have a record of eight wins and two losses.

Three records have been broken including freshman Robin Carter's record breaking swim in the 200-meter breast stroke and captain Rebecca Berry's breaststroke record at the Notre Dame meet.

A relay team made up of Nancy

Pitman, Elizabeth Huckabee, Robin Crowder and Rebecca Berry has come within seconds of qualifying for Nationals.

Grace feels that the women's team is well balanced having specialized swimmers in distance and speed.

Susan Sonnergren, captain of the women's diving team almost

qualified for nationals, missing the qualifying score by only a few points.

On the men's side, Grace says the major set back is a lack of depth for the team composed of only four swimmers and one diver. "They may be small in number commented Grace, "but they are big in heart."

They can constantly push themselves and do their best. It's a good group."

Although swimming and diving are individualistic sports, Grace feels the group has pulled together well and maintains a good team concept. "I'm looking forward to one of the best seasons," Grace said.

Intercollegiate Scores

WOMEN'S SWIM/DIVE	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 27	Nov. 28
WC 51 Notre Dame (MD) 26	MWC 84 St. Mary's 32
Nov. 30	Nov. 30
WC 65 Randolph Macon 42	MWC 62 Christopher Newport 72
Dec. 1	Dec. 1
WC 53 Georgetown 60	MWC 56 Frostburg State 24
MEN'S SWIM/DIVE	MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 30	Nov. 30
WC 15 UNC Charlotte 86	M 77 Shenandoah 66
Dec. 30	Dec. 1
WC 30 Georgetown 70	MWC 64 Bridgewater 81



Holiday Personals

Merry Christmas to: Frances, Kim, Amy, Pam, Debbie, Laura and Pres. Anderson.

From "The House"

Merry Christmas from the tackiest house on the street—Hamlet

Nanc and Linda, have a great break. I'm sure you'll have a good time with your MEN, but don't forget your poor friend who doesn't have one. I hope Santa brings you lots of neat things.

Love, WJL

Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown...all you get is a jingle bell ROCK.

Hey typesetters, thanks for all your help. Happy holidays!

Happy Hanukkah Richard!!!

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Ellen

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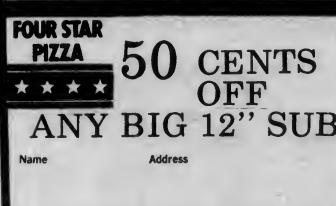
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